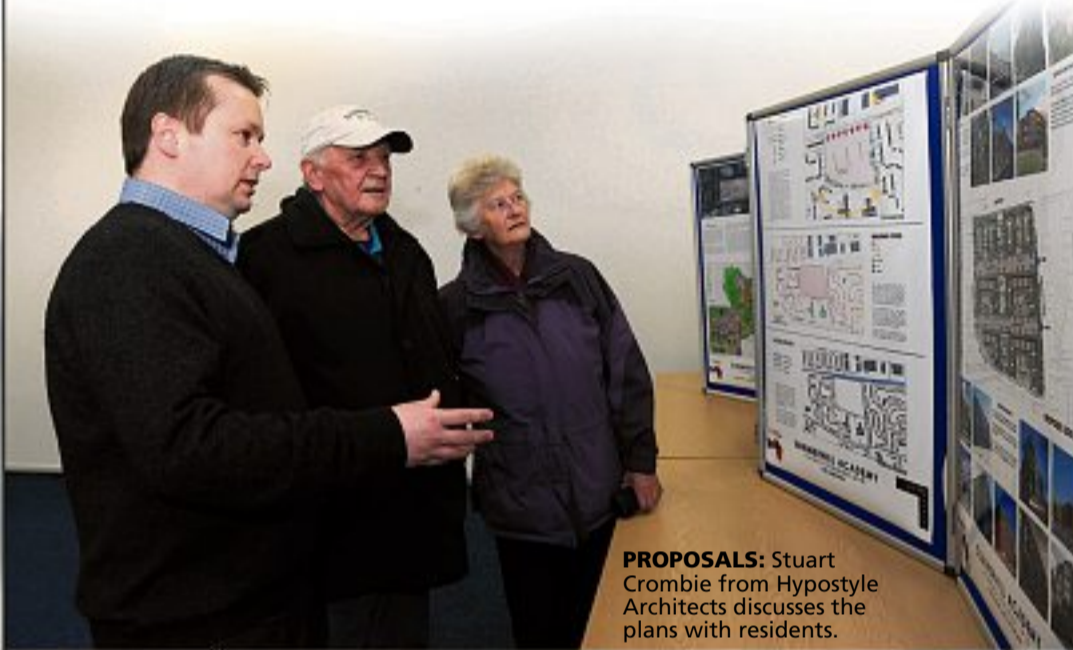


Council reveals plans for 375 flats

ABERDEEN City Council has unveiled plans for 375 flats at the Summerhill Academy site on Lang Stracht. The proposed development would see the land become a residential site in keeping with Aberdeen's original Strategic Development Plan - having been previously earmarked for a Morrisons. The flats are divided up into four blocks, over two

streets on the 3.61 acre site. The design outlines a site facing on to Lang Stracht which aims to provide 100% parking facilities for residents. Also included in the plans are three open-spaced grass park areas that run through the middle of the housing. The site also makes up part of the council's Strategic Infrastructure Plan on

affordable housing with social, mid-market and discount homes making up at least part of the development site. Two residents who have lived in the area for 35 years, welcomed the development, saying it was "a great idea" and that they were "glad" something was finally being done with the site.



PROPOSALS: Stuart Crombie from Hypostyle Architects discusses the plans with residents.

Memorial service for lost loved ones

By David Ewen
chief reporter

THE number of people seeking support while coping with a deadly disease is on the rise. Around 45 members attend monthly meetings in Aberdeen held by Clydeside Action on Asbestos, which held a remembrance service in the city yesterday. Chairwoman Phyllis Craig said: "Asbestos-related disease is harming the people of Aberdeen and the North-east. "When the group started in Aberdeen in 2009 there were six members. "Now around 45 come to the monthly meeting." She added: "In the UK alone there are around 5,000 deaths from asbestos-related lung cancer and mesothelioma each year." Families gathered at Aberdeen's Johnston Gardens to remember loved ones killed by



REMEMBRANCE: Harry McKenzie and Doreen McCoid lay the wreath at Johnston Gardens.

exposure to the building material. A wreath was laid in honour by Doreen McCoid and Harry McKenzie. Last May Doreen, from Portlethen, lost her partner James Morrison, a tradesman. She said: "In February he was put on oxygen 24/7, but went downhill. "People don't realise how many have it." Harry, from the city's Kittybrewster, who used to work in the shipyards, lost his wife

Ellen in 2012. He said: "It's a horrible disease. She was just 63." Contact can lead to mesothelioma, an incurable cancer of the lung linings which can take many years to develop. Asbestos was once widely used in construction, even though the risks were known. Phyllis said: "It is vital that we remember all those who have died."

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Station car park to shut for work

RAIL travellers are being warned that a station car park was set to shut for three days. The site at Stonehaven railway station is to close to allow for maintenance work to surrounding trees. The station car park on Arduthie Road will shut from 6pm on Friday,

May 15 until Monday, May 18 and drivers are being warned not to leave their vehicles in the car park. Aberdeenshire Council's head of transportation Ewan Wallace said: "Pruning back trees and shrubbery will make the car park look tidier and more appealing to users."

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